

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, July 21, 2005
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants

DVBE Advisory Council Members:

Allen Amaro, Larry Brooks, Gene Farnsworth, Don Gonneville, Robert Brown, Floyd Knox, Bob Mulz, Michael O'Connor, Robert Yaap

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)

Roger Brautigan, Agency Undersecretary
Ralph Cansimbe, Operations Manager, Veterans Services Division
Tom Johnson, Agency Secretary
Jack Kirwan, Statewide DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division
Stewart MacKenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division

Department of General Services (DGS)

Gloria Anderson, Compliance Manager, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Mariel Dennis, Chief, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Lori Okamoto, SB/DVBE Resources Administrator

Absent DVBE Advisory Council Members

Alison Boyle, Larry Brooks, Kevin O'Connor, Larry Turner, Timothy Voors

Guests

Copy of guest sign-in available upon request.

Welcome and Introductions

10:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes ~ May 24, 2005

Motion: Farnsworth, 2nd motion: Mulz ~ Unanimous

Business Items

10:10 am

CA Strategic Sourcing Initiative Update

Bob Hinchmen, Project Director
Project description and update, discussed upcoming key contract dates.
Any questions, visit www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/stratsourcing

California Highway Patrol

Maggie Scruggs, DVBE Advocate
Discussed procurement opportunities with the California Highway Patrol and the success of their DVBE program.
Any questions, visit www.chp.ca.gov

DGS Legislation, Regulations & Policies/ Procedures, SB Council

Mariel Dennis, Chief, OSDS
The DGS SB Council is looking for certified Small Business' to join the council.

DGS Legislation, Regulations & Policies/ Procedures, SB Council (cont.)

The Council was invited to the State Agency Recognition Awards (SARA) event on October 27, 2005 at the DGS Ziggurat. OSDS has conferred with the DVBE Council on two peer review issues.
Any questions, visit www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus
Acknowledged Ron Joseph, Director, and Andrew Chang, Chief Deputy Director of DGS.

Council Membership

Jack Kirwan, Co-Chair

New Membership: Robert Brown -- Motion: Mulz, 2nd Yaap ~ unanimous

Kenny Shoemake -- Motion: Amaro, 2nd Knox ~ unanimous.

Non-Attending members to be dropped: Allison Boyle, Motion: Amaro, 2nd Mulz ~ unanimous.

Larry Turner, Motion: M. O'Connor, 2nd Amaro ~ unanimous.

Discussed needing a Bay Area DVBE Network.

Council Biographical Information Reminder

Jack Kirwan, Co-Chair

Please submit biographical information.

Council recommendation for Program Name Change

Bob Mulz, Elite DVBE Network

Council formed to explore name change. Members: Amaro, Brown and Michael O'Connor.

Lunch 12:00- 1:00pm

Discussion Items

1:05 pm

Prime / Subcontractor Partnerships

James Seiler, CDWG

Talked about Primes partnering with DVBE sub contractors and the opportunities for subs to team-up and provide a larger range of services to a Prime.

Commercially Useful Function

Don Gonneville, Co-Chair

How far must the CUF definition be carried and how is DGS defining it.

Committee Reports

Legislative Chairperson, Robert Yaap

Outreach Chairperson, Gene Farnsworth

Mentioned upcoming events.

Procurement Chairperson, Bob Mulz

No report.

State Agency Chairperson, Floyd Knox

No report.

Council Forum Member Issues And Reports

Bob Mulz- Renaming the DVBE Program, will take back to procurement committee, each member to discuss with their networks

Gene Farnsworth-- Any pending applications to serve on the council.

Don Gonneville- holding meetings throughout the state, town hall meetings, and DVBE recruitment and will mention council, may be an avenue to identify potential council members

Jack Kirwan - Will spearhead working with DGS to create a 2-3 hour orientation for advocates

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

3:00 pm

Any questions, please contact:

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